



FOUNDATION for the FUTURE

**May 3, 2026
9:00AM**

OUR INVITATION

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to participate fully in the life of this church.

OUR MISSION

First United Methodist Church exists to build a community where all people are invited to know God's love and to join God in transforming the world.

OUR VALUES

Justice. Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children in worship. Activity clipboards and other materials for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is available from 8:45AM-12:15PM for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 102.



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

GREETING

As you prepare for worship, please greet your neighbors and fill out a Connections Card. You can find the printed version in the pew in front of you or you can use the QR code on the front page of the FUMC Weekly. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, you can use the printed Connections Card that will be placed in the offering basket when it is passed or you can use the QR code found on the front of the FUMC Weekly.

Response: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT

God, We Love This Congregation!

God, we love this congregation!
On this day, we're glad to see friends and neighbors,
gathered, praying, as a church community.
We are drawn by faith and friendship to this holy place and time.
Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God gathers us this day;
the warmth of God brings us together as one people.

So we come with joy and sorrow in our hearts,
with acts mighty and faltering,
with kindness and with selfishness,
with doubt and with faith:

So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.
May we worship well this day.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism,

God names us as God's own beloved children;

God promises to be our God and welcomes us into the family of Christ;

God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us present to us and at work in us.

The baptism of believers' children

especially makes visible the prevenient nature of grace—

that God reaches out to, and accepts, us

before we reach out to, and accept, God.

At the same time, in baptism,

we acknowledge for ourselves and our children

the gift and claim of God's grace,

and we commit ourselves and our children

to live out of God's grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,

of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION

Who is presented for baptism?

Cyrus Derrington Rossato

Child of Chris Rossato and Roxy Derrington

PARENT'S RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Because the role of parents and the church

is crucial to a child's experience of grace,

we ask you to re-commit yourself

to the vows of the baptismal covenant:

Do you re-affirm your renunciation of sin

and your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior,

putting your whole trust in his grace,

and promising to serve him as your Lord,

by loving others as Christ loved you

and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression?

We do.

Do you commit yourselves to work for God's reign on earth

through the church, which Christ has opened to all people,

participating actively in its ministries

with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

We do.

Will you nurture your child in Christ's Church,
that by your teaching and example,
he may grow to know the grace of God,
profess his faith in Christ openly,
and live as a faithful disciple of Christ's church?

We will.

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Do you as Christ's church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture this child in the Christian faith and life,
praying for him, teaching him, and leading him
in acts of service and mission?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

We will surround Cyrus

**with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

We will pray for him,

**that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH OIL

*Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7)
and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that
all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.*

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

*A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the
light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in their life.*

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cyrus,

**we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!**

**We rejoice to welcome you as our sibling
in the family of Christ.**

Our story is now your story:

you have ridden in the ark with Noah;

you have passed through the sea with Moses;

**Christ's death and resurrection for you are at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.**

Grow with us in grace,

confess Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection,

and share with us in his royal priesthood.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,

as we listen for your word,

even in the midst of life's endless distractions,

capture us; convict us; convert us; surprise us; and renew us.

Amen.

John Thornburg

SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-12

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in what it means to be a member of First Church? First Steps is an informal gathering where you can meet the pastors and staff, learn about United Methodist beliefs, hear more about our many ministry opportunities, ask questions about this community of faith, and explore whether membership at First Church is your next step in faith. The next First Steps Class is today at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. Lunch is provided and childcare is available in EDU Room 102. To sign up, fill out a Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Walk Together Children

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary,
we are building God's foundation here!
Gonna walk and never tire!
Gonna shout and never tire!

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Praise God, the source of all our
gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, Geistliche Kirchengesänge; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Please be seated. Pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor continues leading the prayer, asking God to pour out God's Holy Spirit on us and this meal.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory, forever.

Amen.

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

Jesus Calls Us to His Table



1. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed firm in time and
2. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: vast - ly dif - ferent though we

space, where the church in earth and heav - en finds a
are; race and col - or, class and gen - der neith - er

com - mon meet - ing place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y; share the
lim - it nor de - bar. Join the hand of friend and strang - er; join the

love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and
hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the

sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.
doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

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Music: *Beach Spring*, attr. to B. F. White

Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.



Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.____



1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all. Eat now and hun-ger no more.____



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands, no long-er ser-vants but friends.



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.____



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.____

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Jan Berger in honor of Ed Berger's birthday on May 7.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Cantors: Scott Davis, Courtney Katzmeyer-Vielma, and Sarah Urías

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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GIFTS MAKE TRANSFORMATION POSSIBLE

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We also have three convenient ways to give online: (1) use your smartphone to scan the QR code provided on the front page of the FUMC Weekly and follow the prompts; (2) use the FUMC App on your smart phone; and/or (3) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving.

SPIRITUALS OFFERING

In worship we often sing songs and hymns from the traditions of the Black Church. This music, born of the enslavement and oppression of Black Americans, began as a way of communicating messages of hope and perseverance. Today we share this music to lift up this witness of determination, inspiration, and eternal life.

Most songs from these traditions were not published until after the names of their creators were long forgotten. In recognition of this, whenever we sing gospel and spiritual songs, we contribute "royalties" as an offering that will support the development of young Black musicians at Huston-Tillotson University.

If you would like to contribute to this offering, please use the envelope provided in the pew or give online at fumcaustin.org/giving and select "Other Designated" in the drop down menu. Please write or type in the memo: Spirituals Offering.

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clo - ser to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: *Ar Hyd y nos*, Welsh Tune